

SENATOR COPE: The program certainly would go ahead as it would be improved over the way it is as a Kearney State project. It would not be a state safety center. It could be but it would have to get along on that amount of funds. The money would not be wasted; it would be utilized, every penny of it.

SENATOR SIMON: I just wanted to clarify that because it seems to me the point is not the \$350,000 that the program can stand on its merits this year and irregardless of whether they would receive any money next year, we still have not wasted the money. It can still stand on its own merits. It's just a question of whether or not the program would be expanded.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak, would you please close debate on this matter?

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues. I was shocked to have my integrity challenged by Senator Lewis. I see that the fiscal note again says \$404,000. It's my opinion that \$404,000 is the first year only. Senator Lewis says \$54,000 but it doesn't say \$54,000. There's no amendment in here that says \$54,000. The fiscal note says \$404,000. I think that's the tip of the iceberg. I think we're talking about basically, a voluntary program and a voluntary safety program does not necessarily take a high priority. I think everybody in this body knows that. If we get involved in a mandatory type program, the \$404,000 is just the beginning. Again, it's just the tip of the iceberg. If anything, I think my \$600,000 and \$700,000 figure is conservative if we look into a 2,3,4,5 year period, extremely conservative. I know how these programs go. We start out with a little seed money, just a little mere \$54,000. Now this may not mean a lot to a lot of people on this floor, but to a lot of those taxpayers out there, \$54,000 is a lot of money Senator Lewis, a lot of money. As we expand this on to the next year and to the third year and to the fourth year and to the fifth year and we get into the millions of dollars, then we find out what kind of irresponsible action we start in motion in this body. I would hope that at this time, we would go ahead and indefinitely postpone this bill. I'd like a call of the House and a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT: He was closing Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'd like a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT: State the point to the Chair.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I was going to offer my apologies to Senator...

PRESIDENT: No. The question...Senator Dworak asked that the House be put under call. Record your vote on that proposition. Record.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 5 nays.

PRESIDENT: The House is under call. All senators please return to your desks, and record your presence. Would the Sergeant-at-Arms find all senators that are not in the Chamber? Would the Sergeant-at-Arms please go to the Appropriations Committee room? Would you record your presence please? Commence the roll.